

KEECHI CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

HWY 79

FM 831

KCWMA

Check Station

To Buffalo

14 Miles

E-Postcard Squirrel, Rabbit, and Hare

BACKGROUND

Keechi Creek Wildlife Management Area (KCWMA) is located in northeastern Leon County, and lies within the Post Oak Savannah Ecological Region. The area contains 1,500 acres of mostly bottomland hardwood forest at the confluence of Keechi and Buffalo creeks. The area was purchased primarily for the preservation of bottomland hardwoods and for use as a waterfowl management area. It was the first non-coastal waterfowl habitat acquired in part with Texas Waterfowl Stamp funds.

REPORTING/ORIENTATION

When: 11:00 a.m. on the first day of the hunt for sign-in and mandatory orientation at 12:00 p.m. Hunters must contact the WMA as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt.

Where: From Oakwood take FM 542 south 0.4 miles to FM 831. Take FM 831 west 4.3 miles to CR 236. Take CR

236 south 4.8 miles to WMA sign and gate. Take the easement another 2.3 miles to the WMA entrance.

To Palestine 18 Miles

FM 542

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KCWMA

Entrance

Preparation: Hunters should bring their valid Texas Hunting License, Annual Public Hunting Permit, and any required stamp as required by statute. ATV and ORV use is strongly suggested. Hunter orange is required.

CHECK STATION

Hours: Check station will be closed.

Facilities: No facilities are available.

Check In/Check Out: All hunters must check in/out with WMA personnel as explained in the orientation.

LATE COMERS

Check-In: Hunters who arrive late must make arrangements prior to the noon sign-in and orientation by contacting KCWMA Staff as soon as possible by calling the WMA office at (903) 389-7080.

Orientation: Late comers must participate in the same orientation given to all other hunters. It should be noted that latecomers may be required to travel to the Richland Creek WMA Headquarters and may be required to wait until the next business day to receive the required orientation prior to going into the field.

HUNTING CONDITIONS

Vehicles: All-terrain vehicle (ATV) and off-road vehicle (ORV) use is strongly encouraged. ATV and ORV use is restricted to designated, existing trails.

Youth Supervision: Youth under 17 are required to be under the immediate supervision of an authorized supervising adult, 18 or older, who possesses a valid Texas hunting license and Annual Public Hunting Permit. Youth under 12 years old must

remain within normal voice distance of the supervising adult. For youth 12 to 16 years of age who have received hunter education certification, the requirement for immediate supervision is relaxed to the extent that the supervising adult is required only to be present on the public hunting unit. The supervising adult is responsible for the actions and liability of the youth.

Baiting: Baiting is not allowed.

Bag Limits: Leon County bag limits for squirrels, rabbits, and hares apply.

CAMPING FACILITIES

One primitive campground is located at the entrance to KCWMA. No facilities are available.

OTHER INFORMATION

The area is closed to the general public during E-Postcard Squirrel, Rabbit, and Hare Hunts. Non-hunting guest **MAY** be allowed depending on availability and safety concerns. Contact KCWMA Headquarters for more information.

Standby positions **MAY** be available. Contact KCWMA Headquarters for availability.

If you have any further questions, you may contact the KCWMA Headquarters at 903.389.7080.